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Disaster Preparedness Checklist



More than 200 million people are affected by disasters each year. Protect yourself, your family and your community and our world by taking steps to be prepared. The following checklist will help you take the necessary steps to plan for these emergencies:

- Make a list of important phone numbers, such as nonemergency numbers for the police and fire department, FBI field office, and local emergency management office, and post it by your telephone. Make sure your children know how to dial 911.
- Develop a communication plan for your family. Choose someone who does not live with you that you and other family members can contact to check on each other in the event that you are separated during a disaster. Carry the number in your wallet/purse.
- Establish a meeting place for family members if home or neighborhood evacuation is necessary. Pick one place near your home and one outside your neighborhood in case you can't return after a disaster.
- Assemble an emergency preparedness kit that contains the following supplies:
 - ✓ three to five day supply of water (one gallon per person per day)
 - ✓ food that will not spoil and requires no cooking
 - ✓ first aid kit and needed medicine
 - ✓ emergency tools, such as a battery-powered radio, cell phone, flashlight
 - ✓ extra batteries
 - ✓ personal items like toilet paper and plastic garbage bags
 - ✓ change of clothing and blankets for each person
 - ✓ portable generator if possible
- Take a basic course in CPR and first aid.
- Learn how to turn off water, gas, and electricity at main switches.
- Learn about emergency plans for your children's school or day care.
- Draw a floor plan of your home and mark two escape routes from each room. Practice your evacuation plan.
- Know your community's evacuation routes.
- Work with your Neighborhood Watch group or civic association to create a community disaster preparedness plan.

Additional Links:

[-Red Cross Preparedness](#)

[-FEMA Preparedness](#)

[-CDC Preparedness](#)

[-Ready.gov](#)